

Remarks

This patent application is a divisional patent application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/866,364 filed on May 24, 2001. During the prosecution of such parent patent application, the Examiner therein had identified two species and issued a restriction requirement. Election in that parent case was made to species A (corresponding to Figure 1).

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute those claims directed to the previously identified species B (corresponding to Figure 6) in the above-identified parent application and have amended the claims to incorporate subject matter which was indicated by the Examiner in the parent application as allowable.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant therefore submits that all of the pending claims, namely Claims 6, 12, and 21, are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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